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SUBJECT: POLITICAL SITUATION

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1. THE SITUATION IS FRAGILE. THE AUGUST 1 DATE, WHEN PEREDA PRESENTS HIS POLITICAL PLANS TO THE MILITARY IS CRUCIAL. IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE IF THERE WERE A QUICKENED ELECTORAL TIMETABLE, BUT IT APPEARS THAT IF WE PRESS MUCH HARDER PEREDA MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SELL ANYTHING TO THE MILITARY, LEADING TO A PERIOD OF LENGTHY DE FACTO RULE UNDER PEREDA OR SOME OTHER GENERAL.

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2. ACCORDINGLY, WE AUTHORIZE YOU TO TELL PEREDA, THROUGH TAPIA OR ARCE, THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO INDICATE MAINTENANCE OF RELATIONS PRIOR TO HIS AUGUST 6 SPEECH, SO LONG AS HE IS ABLE TO CONVINCE THE MILITARY IN HIS AUGUST 1 MEETING TO APPROVE A CREDIBLE PLAN FOR A GENUINE RESTORATION OF THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, ENCOMPASSING A REASONABLE DATE FOR FAIR AND OPEN

ELECTIONS WITH ADEQUATE STEPS TO ASSURE THE OPPORTUNITY
FOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO FULLY PARTICIPATE, PROTECTION
OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND AN EARLY LIFTING OF THE STATE
OF SEIGE. IF THIS WILL HELP IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE

MILITARY, HE SHOULD FEEL FREE TO USE IT. IF AUGUST 1
GOES WELL, WE WILL PROCEED TO AFFIRM DISCREETLY AT AN
APPROPRIATE MOMENT THAT WE ARE CONTINUING RELATIONS,
MAKING CLEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR PRACTICE THAT THIS
IMPLIES NEITHER APPROVAL NOR DISAPPROVAL OF THE REGIME.
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